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GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
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NOTIFICATION

The 27th May, 2009.

No.POL.214/91/248.—The Notification S.O.1146(E), dated 4th May, 2009 published by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, declaring of Assam and 20 Kms wide belt in the State of Meghalaya along the Border with Assam as 'Disturbed Area' under Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 is hereby republished for general information.

MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

New Delhi, the 4th May, 2009.

No.S.O.1146(E).—Whereas the Central Government in exercise of powers conferred by Section 3 of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 (28 of 1958) had declared the entire State of Assam as 'Disturbed Area' with effect from 27th November, 1990 vide Notification S.O. 916 (E), dated 27th November, 1990.

And whereas the Central Government in exercise of power conferred by Section 3 of the aforesaid Act had also declared besides other areas, the areas falling within 20 Kms wide belt in the State of Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya along their border with the State of Assam as 'Disturbed Area'.

And whereas the period during which the State of Assam and areas falling within 20 Kms wide belt in the State of Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya along their border with the State of Assam shall be 'Disturbed Area' under the aforesaid Act was extended from time to time after reviewing the law and order situation in the State of Assam and aforesaid areas.

And whereas a further review of the law and order situation in Assam and 20 Kms wide belt in the State of Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya bordering Assam indicates the following :-

- i) The law and order situation in the State Assam has continued to remain grim due to a large number of violent incidents by United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA). Other militant outfits like National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB), anti-talk faction, United Peoples' Democratic Solidarity (UPDS) Karbi Longri N. C. Hills Liberation Front (KLNLFF), Kuki Revolutionary Army (KRA) and a faction of Dima Haram Daogah - (DHD/J) were also involved in violence to some extent in the State of Assam.

- ii) The whole of Assam is affected by terrorist activities. Between October 2008 to March 2009, as many as 160 persons, including 11 Security Force Personnel were killed by the Under Ground outfits in 156 incidents of violence in Assam.
- iii) The above-mentioned outfits continue to affirm their faith in armed struggle and indulge in acts of violence to create panic among the common people, disturb the administrative system and extortion from the people.
- iv) The areas falling in the 20 Kms wide belt inside Arunachal Pradesh have witnessed deterioration in law and order due to militant activities and encounters between different militant organizations (operating in Arunachal Pradesh and Assam) and Security Forces particularly in the districts of Tirap, Changlang, Lohit, East and West Siang and Lower Dibang Valley districts. The National Socialist Council of Nagaland (NSCN) factions are involved in extortion from business community, local people and Government officials in the Assam - Arunachal border areas. The districts of Lohit, Lower Dibang Valley, East and West Siang and the foothills of Papumpare act as a safe haven for ULFA militants as they have established hideouts in these districts.
- v) The current security and law & order scenario in Meghalaya has shown an improvement mainly owing to Suspension of Operation (SoO) against cadres of A-chik National Volunteer Council (ANVC) and the success of the Security Forces in neutralizing the cadres of Hynniewtrep National Liberation Council (HNLC). The region is used as an infiltration/exfiltration route from/to Bangladesh and for smuggling of arms/ammunition from that country to Assam via Garo Hills. ULFA has been known to be using this area for shelter/hideouts and trans-shipment to farms/ammunition/explosive consignments.

Now, therefore the entire State of Assam and 20 Kms wide belt in the State of Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya bordering Assam shall continue to be 'Disturbed Area' under Section 3 of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 upto 4th November, 2009 unless withdrawn earlier.

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